



Emissions Test Requirements for Government Fleet Vehicles

Air Pollution Control Program technical bulletin

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New vehicle emissions laws regarding government fleets came into effect January 2003. Because government fleet vehicle information is not on the Missouri Department of Revenue's motor vehicle database, the fleet managers need to provide the Department of Natural Resources with a quarterly report of the vehicles registered or primarily operated in St. Louis city and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin counties. The Gateway Clean Air Program is not able to RapidScreen fleet vehicles at this time.

Government fleet vehicles must follow the same testing schedule as private motorists -- even model year vehicles are tested in even calendar years and odd model year vehicles are tested in odd calendar years. Government agencies must develop a continuous strategy to keep the fleet compliant. The Missouri Code of State Regulations, 10 CSR 10-5.380 explains the test requirements for all vehicles, including fleet vehicles. The following information should help agencies as they design a fleet testing schedule.

Requirements

Beginning January 1 of each even calendar year, even model year vehicles must be tested in even calendar years. Odd model year vehicles must be tested in odd calendar years.

Fleet managers must prove their fleet complies with the emissions regulations by doing the following two things:

- Report all vehicles that are not exempt from testing on a quarterly basis. The quarterly report should include emissions testing activity for the quarter and any changes or additions to the fleet.
- Provide staff from the Department of Natural Resources access to vehicle parking lots, garages and other areas used to store fleet vehicles. Department staff will examine emissions test stickers to ensure fleets comply with regulations.

Quarterly Reports

The quarterly report should include information about vehicles that were added or deleted from the fleet, and testing activity during the quarter. Fleets that have no change in testing status must still file a quarterly report stating "No vehicles emissions tested, added or removed this quarter."

Quarterly reports may be sent to the department in a variety of ways:

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- 1 as a paper list via mail or fax,
- 2 via e-mail to gcap@mail.dnr.state.mo.us as either a list or an attachment, or
- 3 by mail on a 3.5 inch floppy disk.

The department prefers to receive these reports as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that has VIN, make, model, year, state plate, test date, new vehicle and vehicle deleted columns listed. If requested, the Department of Natural Resources, will provide fleet managers with an Excel template.

Quarterly reports are due on Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15. In the event that one of these days falls on a weekend or holiday, reports are due on the next following business day.

Exemptions

The following vehicles do not need an emissions test and do not need to be reported on the quarterly report:

- model year vehicles prior to 1971,
- vehicles bought as new within the past year,
- vehicles with a manufacturer's GVWR in excess of 8,500 lbs.,
- diesel-powered vehicles,
- alternative-fueled vehicles (not including dual-fueled vehicles),
- motorcycles or motortricycles,
- motor vehicles with odd model years in even calendar years and vice versa,
- motor vehicles registered in St. Louis city or St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson or Franklin counties but operated *exclusively* outside of these counties (contact the department for an official test exemption letter),
- tactical military vehicles, and
- visitor, employee or military personnel vehicles on federal installations provided appointments do not exceed 60 calendar days per calendar year.

Taking the emissions test

For questions about scheduling and paying for the actual emissions test, please contact the Gateway Clean Air Program toll-free at 1-888-717-GCAP.

Additional information

For more information about the emissions test, call or write:

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